

# Homegoing Celebration for Deacon Hoover Langston, Sr.

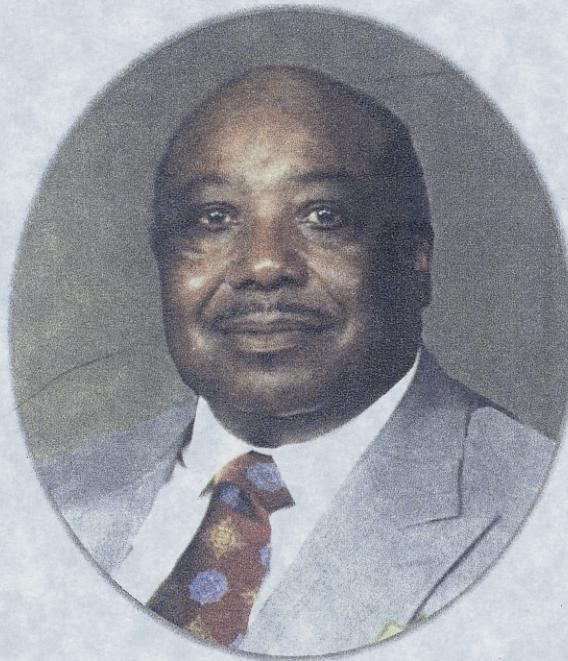
“O Lord, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.” – *Psalm 116:16*

SUNRISE

October 10, 1928

SUNSET

March 5, 2004



#### SERVICES HELD

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004 - 11:00 A.M.  
ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street • Richmond, California

#### OFFICIATING

REVEREND DR. KEVIN B. HALL, PASTOR

## Obituary



Hoover Langston, Sr. was born October 10, 1928, to William and Beatrice Pree Langston in Lewisville, Arkansas, the youngest of four children. His parents raised him in the church.

Hoover accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age and attended church in Arkansas. When his parents moved to California, Hoover united with the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. F.W. Watkins, attending Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and serving on the Usher Board.

In 1950 he was joined in Holy Matrimony to his beloved wife, Alma Lee Smith. To this union seven children were born. Hoover continued his life as a dedicated husband and father.

A hard worker, Hoover was stationed at the Mare Island Shipyards in the early 1950's as a heavy laborer. After being discharged in 1955, he continued his association in the construction field and worked for A.A. Johnson & Sons, cement contractors, for 32 years until his retirement.

Hoover united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church in 1995 under the leadership of the late Rev. Calvin Jones, Sr. A devoted Christian, Hoover enjoyed working in the church and was a faithful member of the Deacon Ministry, Trustee Ministry, Security Ministry and R.L. Johnson Male Chorus.

Hoover enjoyed cooking for his family and friends and was famous for his homemade head cheese which he distributed on New Year's Day, along with a large helping of "good luck" black-eyed peas and hot water cornbread.

His wife, Alma Lee, brother, Sylvester and parents preceded him in death. He leaves to celebrate his life, cherish his memory, and carry on his good works, his four devoted daughters: Almarie and Darlene Langston, of Richmond; Lucy Langston Johnson, of Fairfield; and Velma J. Langston, of San Pablo. Three devoted sons: Hoover Langston Jr., of Richmond; William E. and John Q. Langston, of San Pablo. Three loving daughters-in-law: Terry S. Langston, of Richmond; Anne Margo and Paula F. Langston, of San Pablo; and one adoring son-in-law: Corey N. Johnson, of Fairfield.

Seven cherished grandchildren: Justin P. Langston and Courtney R. Vaughn, of Richmond; Benjamin M., Lyndsey N. and Billy Langston, all of Sacramento; Meighan Moore, of San Pablo; and Omari A. Johnson, of Fairfield. One grandson-in-law: Mark S. Vaughn, of Richmond. Three great-grandchildren: Shyriah and Dajah Vaughn, of Richmond; and Davian Maui, of Sacramento. One sister, Pearlena Brinkley, of San Pablo. One brother, Elve Langston, of El Cerrito. One sister-in-law, Corrine Langston of El Cerrito. Ten nieces, three nephews, a god-sister, Metrice Williams of Richmond; a special friend, Helen Whittie, of Richmond; and a host of cousins, other relatives, friends and church family.

## Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL ..... Minister and Family

SELECTION ..... "Blessed Assurance" - Congregation

SCRIPTURE ..... Minister Metrice Williams: Old Testament - *Psalm 23*  
Rev. Alvin Armstrong: New Testament - *II Timothy 4:6-8*

PRAYER ..... Rev. Otis Harris

SELECTION ..... R.L. Johnson Male Chorus

SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS - 2 Minutes .....  
Min. Metrice Williams, as a Friend  
Dea. Arthur Lee Johnson, as a Trustee and Servant Leader  
Dea. Elijah Cable, as a Deacon  
Paula F. Langston, speaking for the family

SOLO ..... Andre Dorton  
"You Can Make It"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CONDOLENCES ..... Shelah Snowden

OBITUARY ..... Read Silently

SELECTION ..... R.L. Johnson Male Chorus  
"This Little Light of Mine"

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Rev. Kevin B. Hall

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT  
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK  
4100 Hilltop Drive • Richmond, California

Active Pallbearers  
ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
DEACON MINISTRY  
R.L. JOHNSON MALE CHORUS



Honorary Pallbearers

HOOVER LANGSTON, JR.

WILLIAM LANGSTON

JOHN LANGSTON

COREY JOHNSON

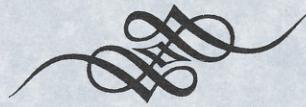
JUSTIN LANGSTON

BENJAMIN LANGSTON

BILLY LANGSTON

MARK VAUGHN

OMARI JOHNSON



Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sang a touching song, or came and sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent lovely flowers; if so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke comforting words, or helped us to pray.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, or maybe furnished a car.

Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, right here or afar.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you sincerely – whatever the part.

- The Family of Hoover Langston, Sr.

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